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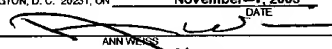
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Applicants : Levesque et al.
Filed : January 20, 2000
For : **TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF EPIDERMAL BASAL
CELLS INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS,
NEURONAL CELLS AND/OR GLIAL CELLS**
Art Unit : 1635
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Confirmation

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action (Supplemental Restriction Requirement) mailed October 21, 2003, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before November 21, 2003. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.